

2009 North American CF Conference

List of Approved Verbs for Use in Developing Objectives

REMEMBER: Objectives must be measurable and demonstrate that learning has taken place.

Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
define	describe	apply	analyze	arrange	appraise
list	discuss	demonstrate	appraise	assemble	assess
name	explain	dramatize	calculate	collect	choose
recall	express	employ	categorize	compose	compare
relate	identify	illustrate	compare	construct	estimate
repeat	locate	interpret	contrast	create	evaluate
summarize	report	operate	criticize	design	judge
underline	restate	practice	debate	formulate	measure
	review	schedule	diagram	manage	rate
	tell	shop	differentiate	organize	revise
	translate	sketch	distinguish	plan	score
		use	examine	prepare	select
			experiment	propose	
			inspect	set up	
			inventory		
			question		
			relate		
			solve		
			test		

Alphabetical listing of approved verbs:						
analyze	construct	distinguish	inspect	practice	schedule	use
apply	contrast	dramatize	interpret	prepare	score	
appraise	create	employ	inventory	propose	select	
arrange	criticize	estimate	judge	question	set up	
assemble	debate	evaluate	list	rate	shop	
assess	define	examine	locate	recall	sketch	
calculate	demonstrate	experiment	manage	relate	solve	
categorize	describe	explain	measure	repeat	summarize	
choose	design	express	name	report	tell	
collect	diagram	formulate	operate	restate	test	
compare	differentiate	identify	organize	review	translate	
compose	discuss	illustrate	plan	revise	underline	

Behavior words that are NOT measurable:		
appreciate	grasp the significance of	motivate
become aware of	implement	recognize
believe	increase	understand
communicate	know	
enjoy	learn	